

DSHS Reinventing the MMIS



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Executive Steering Committee signs off on broadened scope for MMIS project

The Executive Steering Committee for the MMIS Reprocurement Project met in January and endorsed the broadened project scope.

Under that decision, the new MMIS will make provider payments to:

- All programs funded by Medicaid
- All medical services, regardless of funding source
- Selected DSHS non-Medicaid programs that parallel programs in the first two "scope" bullets above.

The decision also means the MMIS team is already

moving on to the area of validating the MMIS requirements at both the federal and state levels – and looking ahead to possible future requirements that need to be part of the planning. Some of these validation decisions and the broader issues of scope were outlined for DSHS staff at a series of forums in the OB2 basement auditorium in early January. A videotape of the forums is available for individuals and groups who want to know more about this project. To check out a copy of the tape, e-mail MMIS Project Communications Manager **Kathy Wyer** at wyerka@dshs.wa.gov

The MMIS Reprocurement Timetable

- ☒ **October-December 2003** – JAD sessions to hammer together the outline of MMIS redesign
- ☒ **Jan. 6 and 8, 2004** – DSHS Forums to update all employees on MMIS reprocurement
- ☒ **Jan. 20, 2004** – DSHS Executive MMIS Steering Committee approves proposed scope of project
- ☐ **February 2004** – FourThought Group completes MMIS alternatives analysis drawn from JAD sessions and analysis of other states recently procuring an MMIS
- ☐ **March 2004** – State Information Services Board reviews and approves alternatives analysis
- ☐ **End of 2004** – Request for Vendor Proposals to be submitted/evaluated; contract awarded for new MMIS
- ☐ **End of 2006** – First phase of new MMIS in place and operational
- ☐ **2007** – Begin phased implementation of additional new MMIS functionality

MMIS REPROCUREMENT PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE

Dennis Braddock, Secretary, DSHS; **Liz Dunbar**, Deputy Secretary, DSHS; **Doug Porter**, Assistant Secretary, MAA, Chair; **Kathy Leitch**, Assistant Secretary, Aging and Disability Services (ADSA); **Stan Marshburn**, Chief Financial Officer; **Christy Ridout**, Chief Information Officer; **Kathleen Brockman**, Chief Administration Officer; **Bernie Friedman**, General Counsel; **Uma Ahluwalia**, Assistant Secretary, Children's (CA); **Deb Bingaman**, Assistant Secretary, Economic Services (ESA); **Tim Brown**, Assistant Secretary, Health and Rehabilitative Services (HRSA); **Cheryl Stephani**, Assistant Secretary, Juvenile Rehabilitation (JRA).

KEY PLAYERS

Price to be Technical Manager for project

The new Technical Manager for the MMIS project is **Paul Price**, a veteran systems and information technician on a number of state health-related projects.

Paul's background began in hospital information technology systems, working in various hospitals in Oregon and Washington for about 12 years before becoming an independent consultant. Since 1998, he has contracted for various state agencies, including DOH and DSHS. He led the DOH Y2k project and its HIPAA Transactions, Privacy and Security effort. Most recently, he was a member of the MAA HIPAA Team. Other projects included business area analysis work at the Public Health Lab and DOH Facilities and Licensing, and design of a single access system for state children's programs

Paul is a graduate of Brigham Young University and moved to the Northwest in 1986. He and his wife, Kathryn, live in Olympia with their four children. He enjoys skiing and most outdoor activities.



Wyer appointed head of communications

Kathleen A. Wyer, who coordinated provider communications for the MAA HIPAA team, has been appointed Communications Manager for the MMIS Project.

Wyer worked in the Office of Financial Management, the Governor's budget office, prior to her HIPAA appointment. She has broad experience in the Internet and Web sites, as well as computer-based training applications, multimedia technologies, and electronic communications in general.

Prior to 1977, she spent several years as a marketing specialist with the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Department of Labor and Industries.

She is a graduate of Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma and holds a Masters in Computers and Education from Leslie College in Cambridge, Mass.

A native of Connecticut, she moved to Olympia when she was in the third grade. Her mother was a mental health specialist with Group Health Cooperative and her father was Vice President of Business Administration for The Evergreen State College.



She and her son, David, 18, make their home in Olympia.

Communications feedback

Please e-mail your responses to wyerka@dshs.wa.gov Rate your answers from 1 to 5, where 5 is extremely important

I want information on the MMIS project.

I prefer information on MMIS through e-mail

I prefer information on MMIS through newsletters

I prefer information on the MMIS through a Web site

I prefer information on MMIS through briefings or presentations

I prefer information on MMIS weekly

I prefer information monthly

I prefer information quarterly

I prefer information as needed

I prefer information on request

Other interests?

CAT Team to provide feedback for MMIS

The MMIS Reprocurement Project will be assisted by a special Cross Administration Team (CAT) selected to provide feedback, review project decisions, and help identify and resolve potential concerns across the agency.

The group is expected to play a lead role in implementing the MMIS months from now, especially within their own administrations.

CAT Team members also serve as their administration's official representatives on the project, ensuring the needs of all affected programs will be met. They also will be a resource for the project team in terms of understanding business processes within the separate administrations.

Because of their different perspectives, CAT Team members also will be expected to help achieve solutions to specific problems that otherwise might go undetected, and they will help the project team prepare broadly-grounded recommendations to be presented to the Executive Steering Committee.

Administration	Member(s)
Aging and Disabilities Services Administration (ADSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shirley Stirling • Linda Rolfe • Jana Sesonke • Daniel Knutson-Bradac • Mary Lou Percival
Children's Administration (CA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tammi Erickson • Jann Hoppler • Russ Schmidt • Diane Inman
Economic Services Administration (ESA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doug Sevin • Chandra Moss • Tom Everett • Gaye McQueen • Gregg Broyles • Mark Westenhaver
Finance Services Administration (FSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mariann Schols • Gaye Mercer • Patty Perkins
Health and Rehabilitative Services Administration (HRSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corki Hirsch • Rose Mary Micheli • Paul Bigelow • Debbie Kingery
Information System Services Division (ISSD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Brummel
Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration (JRA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenneth R. Brown
Management Services Administration (MSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fran Wilson-Maudsley • Judy Bennett
Medical Assistance Administration (MAA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cathie Ott • Monte Johnson • Shelley McDermott • Sandy Mitchell • Mary Wood • Ann Lawrence